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IN RE APPLICATION OF  
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FOR: OXACARBAZEPINE FILM-COATED TABLETS

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

AMENDMENT

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed May 20, 2002, applicants in the above-identified patent application respectfully request the following amendment be entered and the claims considered in light thereof.

In the Claims:

Cancel Claims 11-15 and add new Claims 16-20 as follows:

16. (new) A film-coated tablet comprising:

- a) a tablet core comprising a therapeutically effective dose of oxacarbazepine and excipients that are suitable for the production of granules, wherein said oxacarbazepine has a median particle size of approximately 2  $\mu$ m to 12  $\mu$ m, and a maximum residue on a 40  $\mu$ m sieve of less than or equal to 5%; and
- b) a single hydrophilic permeable coating.

2 17. (new) The tablet according to Claim 16 wherein the oxacarbazepine has a median particle size of approximately 4  $\mu$ m to 10  $\mu$ m.